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1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF FONMIN DENNIS' FEBRUARY 12
REBUTTAL TO FMG HEAD OF STATE MARTALA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA HAS BEEN STARTLINGLY
SURPRISED BY AN AFP REPORT MONITORED IN MONROVIA ON FEBRUARY 11,
1976, IN WHICH IT IS ALLEGED THAT THE "NIGHERIAN HEAD OF STATE
GENERAL MURTALA MUHAMMED HAS EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT LIBERIA,
AFRICA'S FIRST INDEPENDENT STATE WAS NOT IN THE "VANGUARD" OF
COUNTRIES HAVING RECOGNIZED THE ANGOLAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC" AND
THAT . . . "HE HOPED LIBERIA WOULD SOON JOIN OTHER AFRICAN
COUNTRIES WHO HAD RECONGIZED THE MPLA GOVERNMENT ..."
LIBERIA, A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE IS FULLY CAPABLE
OF MAKING DECISIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HER POLICY AND IN CON-
SONANCE WITH HER CONVICTIONS ON ISSUES AS THEY MAY FROM TIME TO
TIME ARISE. RECOGNITION OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IS A SOVEREIGN
RIGHT OF EVERY INDEPENDENT STATE; AND LIBERIA DOES NOT ACCEPT THAT
ANY STATE SHOULD SUGGEST HOW SHE SHOULD EXERCISE HER SOVER-
EIGN RIGHT. ON THE ANGOLAN QUESTION THE POSITION OF LIBERIA HS
BEEN CONSISTENT AND POSITIVE, AND CLEARLY STATED. SHE HAS
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SUPPORTED AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE

AND UNITY IN THIS SISTER AFRICAN COUNTRY.

LIBERIA'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO RECONCILIATION IN ANGOLA IS NO DIFFERENT TODAY THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH HER FIRM BELIEF IN THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL UNITY THAT DURING THE NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR LIBERIA DID NOT RECONGIZE THE SECESSIONIST GOVERNMENT OF BIAFRA, BUT INSTEAD, IN THE MOST OBJECTIVE AND PERSISTENT MANNER URGED RECONCILIATION IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL UNITY.

AS A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE, LIBERIA ADHERES STRICTLY TO THE POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, AND OF SAFEGUARDING THE SOVEREIGN INTEGRITY OF STATES. THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA ACCORDINGLY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT SHE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY ATTEMPT, REGARDLESS OF SOURCE, TO INTERFERE WITH THE EXERCISE OF HER SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. END TEXT.

3. MY AFTERNOON APPOINTMENT WITH DENNIS HAS NOW BECOME QUESTIONABLE BECAUSE PRESIDENT CALLED SPECIAL CABINET MEETING THIS AFTERNOON. I SUSPECT SUBJECTS OF MEETING WILL INCLUDE ANGOLA AND NIGERIAN COUP.
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